

JAMES T. AND ELIZA JANE
SMITH IVIE

Eliza Jane Smith was born May 26, 1852, in Winter Quarters, Pottawattomie County, Iowa. She was a daughter of Jackson and Mary Owens Smith. In 1867 she married Jack Merrill. They were later divorced. She married James Thomas Ivie in Scipio. He was born December 27, 1850, in the old fort at Provo.

Jackson and Mary Owens received the gospel from Elders of the LDS Church and moved from Iowa to Nebraska. In April 1866, they started for Utah with one ox team and few supplies and clothes and food they could take. At night the company would make an encampment and after supper stories were told. Singing and dancing were also part of the entertainment.

Sometimes white persons were seen that had been scalped by Indians. Eliza Jane said it made her blood run cold to see those sights. Many times they wondered if it was really worth while. They would then kneel down and pray to Heavenly Father to guide them right and help them to reach Utah safely.

When they reached Fort Laramie they camped there for awhile. During this time

the Indians opened fire on the fort. The soldiers returned the fire and after many weary hours, drove the Indians away. After things had quieted down, some of the young girls went out and took the moccasins from the dead Indians' feet and put on their own shoeless feet. Eliza said her feet would be bleeding and sore at night.

The men would go out early in the morning to kill animals for meat for their families and the women and girls would gather berries. John and Mary and their 11 children arrived in Utah in September 1866. The parents had brought cows along so had milk and butter to use with their flour and meal.

They had a one-room log house with a fireplace in one end, dirt floor and a rough lumber table and corn stalks for a mattress. But anything was good for shelter.

In 1867, Eliza married Jack Merrill and they had a baby girl July 7, 1868, whom they named Edith. They were later divorced.

She came with her parents, the Jackson Smiths, (Jackson Smith's mother was a cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith) to Midway and stayed two years then moved to Scipio.

Three years later she married James T. (Thomas) Ivie in Scipio. He freighted to Pinoche, Nevada. He was born December 27, 1850, in the old fort at Provo. In 1887, James T. and Eliza moved to Daniels Canyon near by where Acorn Inn is now located. They had four children and Edith now. Jim Tom as he was called would go into the Bear River country and haul lumber and timber to make a living for his family. They lived in the canyon for years and then moved to Daniel to land west of where her sister Rachel Orgill and Mark lived. They sold fruit from the orchard of apples and plums they planted and had butter and eggs to sell. Eliza and her girls picked hops in the fall of the year to sell to Mark Jeffs for 15 cents a pound.

She knit all their stockings and sewed all their clothes by hand until she got a sewing machine.

Their children were: Elizabeth, Lyda, Louise, Don C., Grace, Walter, and Blanch.